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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of workers employed at Rajasthan Atomic Power Station are suffering from cancer;

(b) if so, whether the Govt. have conducted any survey to find out the cause of increasing cancer in these workers;

(c) if so, the finding of the survey; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Govt. in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

(SMT. VASUNDHRA RAJE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) The cross-sectional survey conducted at Rajasthan Atomic Power Station by the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) and by the SMS Medical College and Hospital, Jaipur has shown that there is no statistically significant excess in the prevalence of cancers in radiation workers observed as compared to the general public. The survey further indicated that the workers were healthier than the general public and they experienced lower risks for cancer and other diseases (`healthy worker effect`). The observed cancer cases at RAPS have not been attributed to the radiation exposure but these are found to be due to the personal habits and life styles of the individuals.

(d) Does not arise.